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Upon further instructions from Washington, he was publicly hanged. Struck by the solemnity of the proceedings, Nickerson reported, "Fully half the people of the nation was [sic] present. The order and behavior were admirable. The arrangements and execution of the plans were in the highest degree creditable to the Indians having charge of the same."[62]

The following year, a parsimonious Congress made necessary a reduction in pay. "They are all poor men," exclaimed Nickerson, "and can not support their families on one ration and 5 dollars per month. Young men have not the experience needed & do not command the respect of the tribe & nation." He searched about for alternatives to help them eke out an existence.[63] Opportunely, there arrived a copy of *Rules Governing the Court of Indian Offenses* which, pronounced Nickerson, would "work a radical change in the government of this people."

He suggested that Blow and Hill "loyal, intelligent, and progressive Christian men" be appointed as judges, to serve concurrently as policemen. To them he proposed to add another, Jesse Kirk, a pupil at the Agency school and a carpenter's apprentice, to be both a member of the force and a judge. Of the three, he wrote, "David Hill will make the most competent man for presiding Judge. If necessary I will nominate him for Captain and Blowe [sic] for Lieutenant of Police. Otherwise I would prefer that they remain as they [are] as Blowe is head chief of the nation."[64]

The triple role of Hill and Blow made it difficult to delimit their judicial functions. Wrote Nickerson in 1886:

> I was obliged to be quite positive and firm in the exercise of my authority as an agent, before they came to understand that they were not independent in the performance of their duties as Judges. It also required some time to convince them that they were not to become prosecutors of supposed criminals, and that they were not to form and express an opinion in advance of hearing all the testimony, and then not until they had taken time to deliberate together. I am satisfied that we have no better material for judges than those that are now acting in that capacity, and yet they are strongly opinionated, and are making but slow progress in the right direction.[65]

The police force, meanwhile, had been distributed so that four